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STATE ARTS COUNCIL AWARDS GRANTS TOTALLING \$2,276,390 AT SEPTEMBER MEETING IN FORT PAYNE

Montgomery, Ala. -- The Alabama State Council on the Arts (ASCA) awarded 184 grants totaling \$2,276,390 at its Council meeting in Fort Payne on September 5, 2008. This round of grants will support arts in education, folk art, community, literature, performing, and visual arts programs October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009. Also included in this round of awards are operating support grants for major art institutions.

The Council makes grants to non-profit organizations, schools, universities, cities, and a wide range of community groups. ***“The Council is pleased to make the 2008 September grants to very deserving organizations and educational groups. The granting process of the Alabama State Council on the Arts is well organized, fair and efficient,”*** said Ralph Frohsin, Board Chair of the Council. Frohsin further added, ***“The arts and culture of Alabama will be enhanced by the support received from this round of grants.”***

ASCA funds are matched by contributions from businesses, individuals, local government and earned income by the grantee. Arts programs, assisted by Council grants, have a track record of enhancing community development, education, cultural tourism and overall quality of life in virtually all regions of the state.

The recent grants are in response to applications submitted under a June 1, 2007 deadline and represent the first round of grants awarded in the 2007-2008 fiscal year. The 15-member Council is chaired by Ralph Frohsin of Alexander City. Board members are appointed for 6-year terms by the Governor to help promote the arts statewide. A primary responsibility of the Council is to make decisions on grants awarded to support art programs and arts education throughout the state. Board members are selected from all regions of the state in order to strive for a geographic spread representing all areas of the state.

Qualifications for membership on the Council cover a broad range of backgrounds and expertise. Persons demonstrating leadership qualities as professional artists, arts administrators, art educators and community arts programmers are naturally desirable nominees. In addition, individuals that are community leaders with an interest in the arts from business, local government or volunteer groups make excellent candidates for appointment. The Council can also be served well by people knowledgeable of state government, public policy, and strategic planning in a political environment.

The next deadline for the submission of grant applications is March 1, 2009 for Fellowship applications and Art & Cultural Facilities applications covering activities taking place between October 1, 2009 and September 30, 2010.

The Alabama State Council on the Arts is the official state arts agency of Alabama. The staff of the Council, directed by Al Head, administers the grants programs and provides technical assistance in arts planning and programming. The Council receives its support through an annual

appropriation from the Alabama Legislature and funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

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COUNTY	ORGANIZATION	CITY	DESCRIPTION	DISCIPLINE	GRANT
Autauga	Prattville Performing Arts Council	Prattville	Fountain City Arts Festival	Visual Arts	\$7,000.00
Baldwin	Baldwin Pops, Inc.	Fairhope	2008-09 Baldwin Pops Series	Music	\$1,715.00
Barbour	Barbour County Governor's Trail Council	Clayton	Wallace/the Clayton Years	Multi-discipline	\$5,225.00
Bibb	Brent Elementary School	Brent	Visual Artist Residency	Visual Arts	\$5,000.00
Butler	Greenville Area Arts Council	Greenville	Bye Bye Byrdie	Multi-discipline	\$6,250.00
	Greenville Area Arts Council	Greenville	Programming Development	Multi-discipline	\$8,000.00
Calhoun	Knox Concert Series	Anniston	Russian National Ballet with outreach	Dance	\$4,000.00
	Knox Concert Series	Anniston	Dublin Symphony Concert & Outreach	Music	\$7,000.00
Chilton	Bridge the Gap Learning Program, Inc.	Clanton	Art Exposure Field Trips	Multi-discipline	\$2,440.00
Choctaw	Ballet & Theatre Arts Company	Gilbertown	Bring Plays to Rural Young People	Theatre	\$4,000.00
	Ballet & Theatre Arts Company	Gilbertown	2008-2009 Season	Theatre	\$14,000.00
Clarke	Boys & Girls Club - Southwest Alabama	Thomasville	Performing Arts After School	Multi-discipline	\$1,850.00
Coffee	Coffee County Arts Alliance	Enterprise	Rumpelstiltskin	Multi-discipline	\$1,050.00
	Coffee County Arts Alliance	Enterprise	First Baptist of Ivy Gap	Multi-discipline	\$1,700.00
Colbert	Tennessee Valley Art Association	Tuscumbia	Operating Support	Multi-discipline	\$12,800.00
Covington	Andalusia Ballet Association	Andalusia	Programming development for added staff	Dance	\$8,000.00
	Covington Arts Council	Andalusia	War Bonds: Songs and Letters of WW2	Multi-discipline	\$2,440.00
Dallas	ArtsRevive	Selma	Montgomery Ballet Series	Multi-discipline	\$7,000.00
DeKalb	Mentone Area Arts Council	Mentone	Studio/Gallery Tour	Visual Arts	\$2,000.00
DeKalb	Big Wills Arts Council	Fort Payne	Programming Development	Multi-discipline	\$8,000.00
	Crossville Elementary School	Crossville	Visual Artist Residency (Year 2)	Visual Arts	\$6,150.00
	Fort Payne City Schools	Fort Payne	Artist Residency: Music (Year 2)	Music	\$12,300.00
Elmore	Grandview Family YMCA	Millbrook	17 Springs Arts and Crafts Festival	Multi-discipline	\$2,500.00
Escambia	Brewton Council of the Arts	Brewton	BCT-Repunzal	Multi-discipline	\$1,425.00
Etowah	Alabama Vocal Association	Gadsden	Alabama All-State Choral Festival	Music	\$4,000.00
	Gadsden Cultural Arts Foundation	Gadsden	Etowah Youth Orchestra Tour	Music	\$4,000.00
	Gadsden Cultural Arts Foundation	Gadsden	Operating Support	Multi-discipline	\$48,500.00
Houston	Cultural Arts Center	Dothan	Centered Art Project	Multi-discipline	\$11,200.00
	Southeast Alabama Dance Company	Dothan	2009 Spring Performance	Dance	\$3,000.00
Jackson	Scottsboro City Schools	Scottsboro	Violin Program: Huntsville Symphony	Music	\$3,750.00
Jefferson	The Alabama Ballet	Birmingham	Operating Support	Dance	\$48,900.00
Jefferson	Alabama Dance Council	Birmingham	Emerging Art Leaders	Multi-discipline	\$2,275.00
	Alabama Dance Council	Birmingham	Performing Arts Consortium	Dance	\$4,000.00
	Alabama Dance Council	Birmingham	2009 Alabama Dance Festival	Dance	\$7,000.00
	Alabama Designers/Craftsmen, Inc	Birmingham	Bobbin Lace Workshop	Visual Arts	\$1,000.00
	Alabama Folklife Association	Birmingham	Smithsonian Festival Fieldwork	Multi-discipline	\$7,000.00
	Alabama Gospel Music Cultural Arts Center	Birmingham	Free Vienna Boys Choir Concert	Music	\$5,250.00
	Alabama Moving Image Association Inc	Birmingham	11th Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival	Media/Photography	\$7,000.00
	Alabama School of Fine Arts	Birmingham	Red Mountain Review 2008-2009	Literature	\$3,500.00
	Alabama Symphonic Association	Birmingham	Operating Support	Music	\$187,900.00
	American Gospel Quartet Convention, Inc.	Birmingham	American Gospel Quartets Convention	Music	\$4,500.00
	Arova Contemporary Ballet	Birmingham	Detours: Sight & Sounds of America	Dance	\$3,000.00
	Birmingham Art Music Alliance	Birmingham	BAMA presents Ensemble SIRIUS	Music	\$1,625.00

	Birmingham Art Music Alliance	Birmingham	BAMA School and Community Programs	Music	\$3,330.00
	Birmingham Chamber Music Society	Birmingham	Fleisher Duo in Concert and Outreach	Music	\$4,745.00
	Birmingham Chamber Music Society	Birmingham	Harlem String Quartet in Concert	Music	\$5,225.00
	Birmingham Children's Theatre	Birmingham	Operating Support	Theatre	\$35,400.00
	B'ham Chinese Garden & Asian Cultural Center	Birmingham	H T Chen Dance Co - Chinese Fusion	Dance	\$4,000.00
	Birmingham Civil Rights Institute	Birmingham	On My Journey Now	Multi-discipline	\$3,250.00
	Birmingham Civil Rights Institute	Birmingham	Exhibition/Paul R. Jones Collection	Visual Arts	\$4,900.00
	Birmingham Cultural/Heritage Foundation	Birmingham	Dance Depot	Multi-discipline	\$3,750.00
	Birmingham Museum of Art	Birmingham	Operating Support	Visual Arts	\$223,200.00
	Birmingham Music Club	Birmingham	Turtle Island & Assad Brother in Concert	Music	\$3,000.00
	Birmingham Summerfest Inc.	Birmingham	Operating Support	Theatre	\$43,400.00
	Black Warrior-Cahaba Rivers Land Trust	Birmingham	Moss Rock Festival	Multi-discipline	\$3,500.00
	Children's Dance Foundation	Birmingham	Public Sculpture Commission	Visual Arts	\$6,300.00
	Children's Dance Foundation	Birmingham	Operating Support	Multi-discipline	\$23,700.00
	The Educational Arts Corporation	Birmingham	Filmmaking 101	Media/Photography	\$5,200.00
	Fiesta, Inc.	Birmingham	Fiesta	Multi-discipline	\$4,875.00
	Friends/Birmingham Public Library	Birmingham	BPL at Night	Multi-discipline	\$5,000.00
	Leeds Arts Council, Inc.	Leeds	Programming Development	Multi-discipline	\$8,000.00
	Magic City Smooth Jazz, Inc.	Birmingham	ArtVenture Smooth Jazz in Avondale Park	Music	\$2,000.00
	Main Street Birmingham, Inc.	Birmingham	Nixon Cultural Center Planning	Design Arts	\$7,000.00
	Metropolitan Arts Center	Birmingham	Arts Education Initiative	Multi-discipline	\$3,200.00
Jefferson	Metropolitan Arts Center	Birmingham	Operating Support	Multi-discipline	\$28,400.00
	Music Opportunity Program Foundation	Birmingham	Strings Program	Music	\$6,000.00
	Nathifa Dance Outreach, Inc.	Birmingham	"Reclaiming the Village" Project	Dance	\$2,000.00
	Opera Birmingham	Birmingham	Operating Support	Music	\$19,100.00
	Pinson Valley High School	Pinson	Artist Residency: Technical Theatre	Theatre	\$3,900.00
	Regional Cultural Alliance of Greater B'ham	Birmingham	Operating Support	Multi-discipline	\$51,100.00
	The Seasoned Performers	Birmingham	26th Season for Seasoned Performers	Theatre	\$4,000.00
	The Seasoned Performers	Birmingham	Senior Adult Theatre Program Develop	Theatre	\$8,000.00
	Sloss Furnace Association	Birmingham	Southern Conference on Cast Iron	Visual Arts	\$7,000.00
	Sloss Furnace Association	Birmingham	Summer Youth Apprentices	Visual Arts	\$7,000.00
	Southern Danceworks	Birmingham	Commissioning New Work	Dance	\$7,000.00
	Southern Danceworks	Birmingham	Board Re-Structuring/Administrative Dev.	Dance	\$7,000.00
	Space One Eleven, Inc. (SOE)	Birmingham	Development and Marketing project	Multi-discipline	\$5,850.00
	Space One Eleven, Inc. (SOE)	Birmingham	City Center Art	Multi-discipline	\$13,000.00
	UAB/University of Alabama at Birmingham	Birmingham	JUNGUA: Descendents of the Dragon	Dance	\$4,000.00
	UAB/University of Alabama at Birmingham	Birmingham	ASC presents Pilobolus	Dance	\$4,000.00
	VSA arts of Alabama	Birmingham	In Public View	Visual Arts	\$5,250.00
	VSA arts of Alabama	Birmingham	Community Arts Program	Multi-discipline	\$13,000.00
Lauderdale	Music Preservation Society Inc	Florence	Muscle Shoals Music Fieldwork	Music	\$2,000.00
	Shoals Symphony Orchestra	Florence	Heritage Arts Center Planning	Music	\$2,400.00
	Shoals Symphony Orchestra	Florence	Music in Outer Space	Music	\$4,375.00
Lawrence	City of Moulton	Moulton	Star Theatre Master Plan	Design Arts	\$7,000.00
	Lawrence County High School	Moulton	Artist Residency: Music	Music	\$7,380.00
Lee	AU/Auburn University	Auburn	Drawing on Alabama II	Visual Arts	\$3,400.00
	AU/Center for the Book	Auburn	Alabama Book Festival	Literature	\$7,000.00
	Auburn Chamber Music Society	Auburn	Chamber Music for East Alabama	Music	\$3,600.00
	Auburn University	Auburn	Prison Art and Literature	Multi-discipline	\$13,000.00
	City of Auburn	Auburn	Adventures in Art 2009	Dance	\$5,600.00
	Opelika Arts Association	Opelika	Operating Support	Multi-discipline	\$11,300.00

	Opelika City Schools	Opelika	Attendance Support: Paper Bag Players	Theatre	\$1,100.00
Limestone	Athens City Schools	Athens	Artistic Expressions through Drama	Theatre	\$3,000.00
Macon	Tuskegee Repertory Theatre Inc	Tuskegee	Comprehensive Young Audience Develop	Theatre	\$3,000.00
Madison	Ars Nova, Inc.	Huntsville	2008-2009 Three Opera Productions	Music	\$8,000.00
Madison	Ars Nova, Inc.	Huntsville	Ars Nova Program Development 2008-09	Music	\$8,000.00
	The Arts Council	Huntsville	Operating Support	Multi-discipline	\$23,600.00
	Broadway Theatre League of Huntsville, Inc.	Huntsville	BTL Send me to the Show Series	Theatre	\$1,970.00
	Community Ballet Association	Huntsville	CBA presents Ailey II at the Von Braun	Dance	\$7,000.00
	Dance All Productions, Inc.	Huntsville	Afterschool Dance Outreach	Dance	\$4,000.00
	Huntsville Chamber Music Guild	Huntsville	Concerts and Educational Programs	Music	\$14,000.00
	Huntsville Community Chorus	Huntsville	2008-2009 Concert Season	Music	\$4,000.00
	Huntsville Literary Association	Huntsville	Shakespeare Center Tour	Theatre	\$2,160.00
	Huntsville Museum of Art	Huntsville	Operating Support	Visual Arts	\$61,200.00
	Huntsville Symphony Orchestra	Huntsville	Operating Support	Music	\$58,900.00
	Huntsville Youth Orchestra	Huntsville	Music: Educational Program Development	Music	\$1,100.00
	Sacred Harp Musical Heritage	Huntsville	Sacred Harp Fieldwork for Smithsonian	Music	\$2,700.00
	Sacred Harp Musical Heritage	Huntsville	Camp Fasola	Music	\$4,200.00
Marion	Hamilton Middle School	Hamilton	Art Enrichment in the Classroom	Visual Arts	\$1,000.00
	Northwest Alabama Arts Council, Inc.	Hamilton	Jerry Brown website	Folk Arts	\$2,925.00
Marshall	Mountain Valley Arts Council	Guntersville	Lakeside Concert Series	Multi-discipline	\$4,875.00
Mobile	Dunbar School of Performing Arts	Mobile	Strings Coach	Music	\$3,150.00
	Mobile Arts Council Inc.	Mobile	Southern Circuit Film Tour	Media/Photography	\$2,100.00
	Mobile Arts Council Inc.	Mobile	Skinny Gallery Exhibit Series	Visual Arts	\$6,020.00
	Mobile Ballet Inc.	Mobile	Operating Support	Dance	\$18,700.00
	Mobile Chamber Music Society	Mobile	Chamber Music Concerts & Outreach	Music	\$7,875.00
	Mobile International Festival	Mobile	Mobile International Festival	Multi-discipline	\$6,500.00
	Mobile Museum Board, Inc.	Mobile	Yoruba Cultural Festival	Multi-discipline	\$2,025.00
	Mobile Museum of Art	Mobile	Operating Support	Visual Arts	\$104,300.00
	Mobile Opera Inc.	Mobile	School Performance: "Crating Opera"	Music	\$3,000.00
	Mobile Opera Inc.	Mobile	Operating Support	Music	\$21,300.00
	Mobile Symphony	Mobile	Free Family Concerts in Library	Music	\$7,000.00
	Mobile Symphony	Mobile	Operating Support	Music	\$36,600.00
	USA/University of South Alabama Music Dept	Mobile	Arts in Ed Mentoring and Materials	Multi-discipline	\$6,000.00
	Westlawn Elementary School	Mobile	Music Enrichment and Strings Class	Music	\$8,000.00
Monroe	Alabama Southern Community College	Monroeville	Four-Part Choir & Orchestra Performance	Music	\$3,500.00
	Monroe County Heritage Museum	Monroeville	Arguing the Arts: Writing Project	Visual Arts	\$2,400.00
Montgomery	Alabama Dance Theatre	Montgomery	Operating Support	Dance	\$14,500.00
Montgomery	Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts	Montgomery	Expanded Site Visits	Multi-discipline	\$3,375.00
	Alabama Shakespeare Festival	Montgomery	Operating Support	Theatre	\$250,000.00
	Arts Council of Montgomery	Montgomery	Doing Our Own Thing	Visual Arts	\$1,780.00
	Booker T Washington Magnet High School	Montgomery	Integrated Dance Curriculum/Performance	Multi-discipline	\$1,450.00
	Capri Community Film Society	Montgomery	Southern Circuit Film Tour	Media/Photography	\$3,150.00
	DesignAlabama, Inc.	Montgomery	Superintendent's Design Summit	Design Arts	\$5,250.00
	Jubilee Community Center	Montgomery	Jubilee Art Academy	Multi-discipline	\$5,500.00
	The Montgomery Ballet	Montgomery	Lecture Demonstrations	Dance	\$4,500.00
	The Montgomery Ballet	Montgomery	Operating Support	Dance	\$12,300.00
	Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts	Montgomery	Operating Support	Visual Arts	\$129,400.00
	Montgomery Symphony Orchestra	Montgomery	Operating Support	Music	\$28,800.00
	Old Alabama Town/Landmarks Foundation	Montgomery	Lucas Tavern Festival	Multi-discipline	\$2,475.00
Morgan	Carnegie Visual Arts Center	Decatur	Decatur City Schools Participation	Visual Arts	\$4,000.00

	Cotaco School	Somerville	Art Around the World	Visual Arts	\$3,200.00
	Decatur City Schools	Decatur	Attendance Support: Princess Theatre	Theatre	\$2,250.00
	Eva School	Eva	Writing, Drama, Music Residency	Multi-discipline	\$4,400.00
	Princess Theatre	Decatur	Operating Support	Multi-discipline	\$16,800.00
Pickens	Aliceville Elementary School	Aliceville	Art in the Classroom	Visual Arts	\$1,650.00
	Aliceville Elementary School	Aliceville	Shared Artist Residency: Music/Dance	Multi-discipline	\$6,150.00
	Gordo Elementary School	Gordo	Music Residency for K-6th	Music	\$7,380.00
	Gordo Elementary School	Gordo	Artist Residency: Visual Arts (Year 2)	Visual Arts	\$12,300.00
	Rural Members Association	Aliceville	Freedom Creek Festival	Music	\$5,250.00
Pike	Brundidge Historical Society	Brundidge	Sheila Kay Adams performances	Multi-discipline	\$2,100.00
	Pike Pioneer Museum of Alabama	Troy	Pioneer Days	Multi-discipline	\$3,250.00
	Troy Arts Council	Troy	Pirates of Penzance	Multi-discipline	\$2,600.00
	Troy Arts Council	Troy	First Baptist of Ivy Gap	Multi-discipline	\$3,220.00
	Troy-Pike Cultural Arts Center, Inc.	Troy	Catalogue/Contemporary Art in Alabama	Visual Arts	\$7,000.00
Shelby	Birmingham International Educational Film Fest	Helena	Gospel Highway film	Media/Photography	\$7,000.00
St. Clair	St. Clair County Day Program	Ashville	The Pottery Project	Visual Arts	\$3,380.00
	St. Clair County Day Program	Ashville	Building Esteem Through Art	Visual Arts	\$5,250.00
Sumter	The Coleman Center	York	Public Art Project	Visual Arts	\$4,900.00
	The Coleman Center	York	Three artist projects/Consolidated grant	Visual Arts	\$14,000.00
	Sumter County Fine Arts Council	Livingston	BCT-Repunzal	Multi-discipline	\$1,000.00
Sumter	Sumter County Fine Arts Council	Livingston	All the Way from Magnolia Springs	Multi-discipline	\$1,100.00
	UWA/University of West Alabama	Livingston	Story of Alabama Music exhibit	Music	\$2,550.00
	UWA/University of West Alabama	Livingston	Sucarnochee Folklife Festival	Multi-discipline	\$3,350.00
Talladega	Sylacauga Area Arts Council	Sylacauga	Presenting: B'ham. Children's Theatre	Theatre	\$700.00
	Sylacauga Area Arts Council	Sylacauga	Presenting: B'ham. Children's Theatre	Theatre	\$900.00
	Talladega City Schools	Talladega	Professional Development in the Arts	Dance	\$700.00
	Talladega First/Ritz Theatre	Talladega	Hal Holbrook in Mark Twain Tonight	Theatre	\$5,000.00
Tallapoosa	Alexander City Arts Inc.	Alexander City	08-09 Season	Multi-discipline	\$8,035.00
	Alexander City Schools	Alexander City	Celebration of the Arts	Multi-discipline	\$1,375.00
	Sarah Carlisle Towery Art Colony	Alexander City	Sara Carlisle Towery Art Colony	Visual Arts	\$3,850.00
Tuscaloosa	Alabama Blues Project	Northport	After School Blues Camp	Music	\$3,500.00
	Arts Council of Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Operating Program	Multi-discipline	\$14,000.00
	Theatre Tuscaloosa, Inc	Tuscaloosa	10 Years at the Brown Bean	Theatre	\$4,000.00
	Tuscaloosa City Schools Ed Foundation, Inc	Tuscaloosa	Stitches and Blues	Music	\$1,200.00
	Tuscaloosa Community Dancers	Tuscaloosa	Spring 2009 Repertory Ballet	Dance	\$3,000.00
	Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra	Tuscaloosa	Brahms Violin Concerto with TSO	Music	\$2,000.00
	Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra	Tuscaloosa	Family Discovery Concert	Music	\$2,000.00
	UA/Center for Public TV & Radio	Tuscaloosa	Alabama Bound	Literature	\$5,250.00
	Zelpha's Cultural Development Corporation	Tuscaloosa	Artistic & Administrative Management	Music	\$7,000.00
	Zelpha's Cultural Development Corporation	Tuscaloosa	Free Music Instruction	Music	\$14,000.00
Wilcox	Black Belt Treasures	Camden	Stitches and Blues	Multi-discipline	\$3,245.00
				TOTAL	\$2,276,390.00